



# *Resolution of the City Council* *City of San Diego*

## ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO MONTH

January 2009

Presented by Mayor Jerry Sanders and Councilmember Tony Young

WHEREAS, the San Diego Public Library and KPBS are sponsoring the third annual One Book, One San Diego, a campaign to cultivate a culture of reading and discussion in San Diego by bringing our diverse City together around one monumental book; and

WHEREAS, One Book, One San Diego is an open invitation to everyone who visits, works or lives in San Diego to read and discuss the book *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman, the remarkable true-story of Jan and Antonina Zabinski, in the keepers of the 1930-1940's Warsaw Zoo, who, with extraordinary courage and compassion, managed to save hundreds of people from Nazi hands; and

WHEREAS, *The Zookeeper's Wife* is the winner of the 2008 Orion Book Award, which is conferred annually to a book that has achieved excellence in addressing a growing ecological awareness and the need for a healthier relationship between humans and the world; and

WHEREAS, *The Zookeeper's Wife* is a groundbreaking work of nonfiction in which the human relationship to nature is explored in an absolutely original way through looking at the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, One Book, One San Diego promotes an appreciation for reading and encourages discussions about books and important community issues; and

WHEREAS, during the months of January – April 2009, the San Diego Public Library and KPBS will host a series of community events, lectures, television, and radio programming designed to encourage San Diegans of all ages and walks of life to read and discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife*; and

WHEREAS, these events will offer individuals and families the opportunity to join together for lively conversation and the exchange of ideas as we bring the community together through literature. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, that this council for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby recognize the San Diego Public Library and KPBS for their efforts to promote literacy, a love of reading, and deeper understanding about the issues that affect our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of JANUARY 2009, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO MONTH" in the City of San Diego.



  
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MAYOR

Resolution Number 304597 Approved by Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2009